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SUBJ: ENERGY: JANUARY 14-15 EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING --

PRESIDENT NIXON'S INVITATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

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REF: EC BRUSSELS 243, 255, 256

1. ECON/COMMOFF DISCUSSED JAN 14-15 EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING CONSIDERATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S INVITATION TO FEB 11 WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE WITH GOI OFFICIAL JAMES FLAVIN WHO COVERS ENERGY MATTERS IN FONOFF. FLAVIN CONFIRMED REPORTS APPEARING IN IRISH NEWSPAPERS REPORTING FROM BRUSSELS THAT EC WOULD DESIGNATE PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SCHEEL AND PRESIDENT OF EC COMMISSION ORTOLI TO REPRESENT COMMUNITY AT FEBRUARY MEETING.

2. FLAVIN ALSO INDICATED IRELAND WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE. HE CONFIRMED REPORT IN IRISH TIMES THAT FONMIN FITZGERALD BELIEVED THAT, WHILE THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TIME BETWEEN EC COUNCIL MEETING AND FEBRUARY WASHINGTON TALKS IN WHICH TO AGREE TO SUBSTANTIAL COMMON COMMUNITY POSITION, IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO GO AHEAD AND HAVE THE TALKS ON THE DATE PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT NIXON. FLAVIN IMPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE IRISH GOVERNMENT POSITION, DESPITE PROBLEMS RAISED BY FRENCH REPORTED EC BRUSSELS 255.

3. IRISH TIMES REPORT ALSO STATED FONMIN FITZGERALD STRESSED THAT CURRENT ENERGY CRISIS WAS NOT JUST ONE OF OIL SUPPLIES BUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF INCREASE IN OIL REVENUES ACCRUING TO OIL PRODUCERS. FITZGERALD NOTED THAT THIS REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR ALL COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS OF OPEC PRICE RISES ARE AT LEAST GETTING THROUGH TO ECONOMIC EXPERT FITZGERALD, EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT YET STRUCK HIS DEPUTIES, MCCANN AND KEATING (DUBLIN 32). MOORE

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